



Meeting note

Project name	Hinkley Point C New Nuclear Power Station Material Change 1
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	1 May 2024
Meeting with	NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited (“The Applicant”)
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Welcome, introductions and s51 rider

Project Update

The Applicant provided an update of works on site including the dome lift for reactor one, in advance of the reactor installation planned for late 2024. The changes to the schedule and cost of the power station, as highlighted in the media were noted. The Applicant provided statistics from its latest Socio-Economic Impact Report.

The Applicant listed the current primary objectives of the material change application:

- Changes to the Interim Spent Fuel Store
- Changes to the Equipment Storage Building
- Changes to the Meteorological Mast
- Retention of Hinkley Point Substation.
- Addition of Sluice Gate Storage Structures
- Removal of requirements to install an acoustic fish deterrent.

The Applicant explained its work to date in relation to providing off-site habitat creation and enhancement which include 340 hectares (Ha) of saltmarsh, 15Ha of Kelp Forest, 5Ha of Seagrass, 1-2Ha of Native Oysters and works to 3 Weirs.

The Applicant provided an update on the public consultation for the material change application which ran from 9 January – 29 February 2024. It was noted that stakeholder engagement is ongoing.

Feedback from consultation

The Applicant provided a high-level summary of feedback from the consultation responses:

- Scale of compensation not sufficient. Consultees are seeking a like-for-like compensation which the Applicant stated might not be possible.
- Doubts were raised over the effectiveness of kelp, seagrass and oysters as they are fairly novel and difficult to establish.
- Requests clarity over scale of harm and for most up to date data.
- Need to compensate for loss of freshwater habitat at Pawlett Hams and other concerns relating to loss of agricultural land, flood risk and loss of recreational access.
- Question over whether a river barrier easement in each Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) is sufficient.

Ongoing work

The Applicant is continuing ecological surveys with further intrusive and non-intrusive surveys planned for the summer.

Alternative options are being considered in respect of the Pawlett Hams site and the weirs.

The Applicant is continuing engagement with Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies over this issue.

Future programme

The applicant will need to run a targeted consultation regarding any alternative options to Pawlett Hams and the weirs..

Application submission is currently planned for Q2 2025.